

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Office Action dated March 28, 2006. This Amendment and request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto. No Amendments have been made. No new issues have been raised.

The drawings were objected for failing to contain reference signs 12-12 and 15-15 mentioned in the specification. The specification was amended to simply remove the recited reference signs and thus moot the necessity for replacement drawing sheets. No new matter has been added.

The specification was objected to for minor informalities. The specification was amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions and to remove reference signs 12-12 and 15-15. No new matter has been added.

Claims 3 and 5-6 were objected to for minor informalities. Claims 3 & 5 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. No new matter has been added.

Claims 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph for containing indefinite language. Claim 9 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's comments and is believed to conform to 35 U.S.C. 112. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-2, 9 and 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by us 6,749,507. Claims 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by or alternatively under

35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over teachings of US 6,749,507. Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, in the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicant has amended allowable claim 3 to independent form and claims 9-14 to depend from claim 3.

The Examiner indicated that claims 3-8 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 3 has so been amendment. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 3. Thus claims 3-15 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe additional discussion would advance the prosecution of the present application, they are invited to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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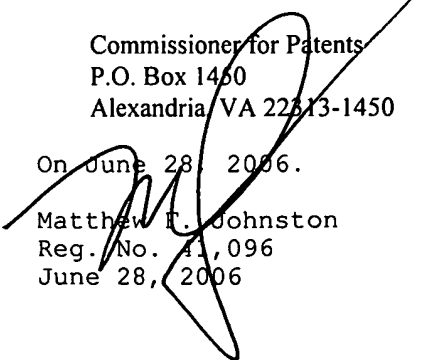
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